

### Abstract

An image display device comprising a current-driven electro optic display element in which a plurality of picture elements has a light-emitting layer that has a transparent  
5 picture element electrode and a metal picture element electrode therebetween, wherein each picture element has a driving circuit which is connected to a vertical scanning circuit that includes a sequential circuit through a scanning wire and to a horizontal driver through a data wire and either  
10 one of above two electrodes is connected to a wire placed in parallel to said scanning wire and a terminal of said wire is, through a switching device, selectively connected to an electric power source that gives an electric potential for the purpose of applying a voltage necessary to drive the above optic  
15 display element or to another electric power source that gives an electric potential of which polarity is reverse to a voltage applied in emitting operation.